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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section _____. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall not terminate, transfer, lease, close, reduce hours of operation, or otherwise significantly limit the operations of any park or natural area that was in operation on January 1, 2000, or that is created in the future, except in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The commissioner shall fully consider and evaluate the non-economic as well as the economic value of each such park or natural area, including the following criteria:

- (1) Its historical significance and value;
- (2) Whether the circumstances or considerations giving rise to its creation have significantly changed;
- (3) Tourism it generates; and
- (4) Whether it plays any role in preserving unique or significant aspects of Tennessee's culture or heritage.

(b) The commissioner shall report in writing to the house committee on conservation and environment and the senate committee on environment, conservation and tourism the commissioner's findings as to the criteria listed in subsection (a) at least ninety (90) days prior to any

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(c) If the commissioner affirmatively finds that one or more of the criteria listed in subdivisions (1), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) would be affected by the proposed action, or that there has been no significant change in the circumstances or considerations giving rise to the creation of the park or natural area, then the commissioner shall not terminate, transfer, lease, close, reduce hours of operation, or otherwise significantly limit the operations of any such park or natural area unless both houses of the general assembly have voted to approve the proposed action.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.